

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claims 47-56 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application.

**Listing of the claims**

**1-23.** (Canceled)

**24.** (Previously presented) A method of treating an individual who has metastasized colorectal cancer comprising the step of administering to such an individual a therapeutic ally effective amount of a vaccine comprising a nucleic acid molecule that encodes a protein comprising at least one epitope of human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**25.** (Previously presented) A method of treating an individual who has been identified as being susceptible to metastasized colorectal cancer comprising the step of administering to such an individual a prophylactically effective amount of a vaccine comprising a nucleic acid molecule that encodes a protein comprising at least one epitope of human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**26.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein said protein comprises an epitope of the extracellular domain of the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**27.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein said protein comprises the extracellular domain of the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**28.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the protein comprises the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**29.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the protein consists of the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**30.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is within an infectious agent.

**31.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is within a viral vector.

**32.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said viral vector is a recombinant vaccinia virus.

**33.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein said viral vector is a recombinant adenovirus virus.

**34.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is within a bacterial cell.

**35.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is a plasmid.

**36.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said protein comprises an epitope of the extracellular domain of the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**37.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said protein comprises the extracellular domain of the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**38.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the protein comprises the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**39.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the protein consists of the human guanylyl cyclase C protein.

**40.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is within an infectious agent.

**41.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is within a viral vector.

**42.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 41 wherein said viral vector is a recombinant vaccinia virus.

**43.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 41 wherein said viral vector is a recombinant adenovirus virus.

**44.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is within a bacterial cell.

**45.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the nucleic acid molecule that encodes said protein is a plasmid.

**46.** (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the individual has been previously been diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

**47.** (New) The method of claim 24 wherein said protein comprises SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof comprising at least one epitope of amino acids 24-454 of SEQ ID NO:2.

**48.** (New) The method of claim 47 wherein said protein comprises SEQ ID NO:2.

**49.** (New) The method of claim 47 wherein said protein at least one epitope of amino acids 24-454 of SEQ ID NO:2.

**50.** (New) The method of claim 49 wherein said protein comprises amino acids 24-454 of SEQ ID NO:2.

**51.** (New) The method of claim 49 wherein said protein comprises amino acids 24-475 of SEQ ID NO:2.

**52.** (New) The method of claim 25 wherein said protein comprises SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof comprising at least one epitope of amino acids 24-454 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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- 53.** (New) The method of claim 52 wherein said protein comprises SEQ ID NO:2.
- 54.** (New) The method of claim 52 wherein said protein at least one epitope of amino acids 24-454 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 55.** (New) The method of claim 54 wherein said protein comprises amino acids 24-454 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 56.** (New) The method of claim 54 wherein said protein comprises amino acids 24-475 of SEQ ID NO:2.